

## REMARKS

The Examiner's office Action of July 7, 2003 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application.

Claims 1-10 and 12-14 and 29-42 are pending for consideration, of which claims 1, 8, 29, and 36 are independent. Claims 15-28 and 43-52 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8, 29, and 36 have been amended, and claim 11 has been cancelled. In view of the actions above and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is now requested.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, claims 1-14 and 29-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,087,679 – hereafter Yamazaki '679). This rejection is respectfully traversed at least for the reasons provided below.


Claims 1, 8, 29, and 36 have been amended to include, among other features: a crystalline semiconductor film; a channel formation region provided in the crystalline semiconductor film, the crystalline semiconductor film comprising silicon and germanium at least in the channel formation region; a source region and a drain region sandwiching the channel formation region therebetween; a gate electrode provided adjacent to the channel formation region with a gate insulating film therebetween; and an impurity region provided between the channel formation region and at least one of the source region and the drain region and comprising a part overlapping the gate electrode. Amended claim 8 also includes the features of cancelled claim 11. Support for the amended features can be found at least in, e.g., Embodiment 3, page 56, second paragraph, and Figs. 16D-17.

Applicants respectfully assert that Yamazaki '679 does not disclose the amended features of the amended independent claims 1, 8, 29, and 36. Consequently, since each and every feature of the present pending claims is not taught (and is not inherent) in the teachings of Yamazaki '679, as is required by MPEP Chapter 2131 in order to establish anticipation, the rejection of claims 1-14, and 29-42, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as anticipated by Yamazaki '679 is improper.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejections.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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